



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1763**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 07553.0017

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Mitsuru ISHIKAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
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Application No.: 09/696,232 ) Examiner: Olsen, Allan  
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Filed: October 26, 2000 )  
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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of September 16, 2004. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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